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HARDING SEEKS ANOTHER COAL INVESTIGATION

Inquiry After Inquiry Already Held, but Nothing Has Been Done.

BIG COMBINE CHARGED

Eight Companies Control 72 Per Cent. of Anthracite Production, Report Shows.

By Sophie Irene Loeb.
Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—President Harding is talking of another "investigation" of the coal business, which, with the exception of Standard Oil, has had more investigations without action than any other industry in the world.

The most noteworthy of these investigations, according to prominent members of Congress, was that of The Evening World which was begun nearly five years ago, and this newspaper has waged the war continuously ever since, urging a commission to regulate the coal industry, both as to its operation and as to its price to the consumer.

As recently as last December, bills were introduced by Senator Kenyon and other Senators for such a commission. And still no action has been taken.

KENYON AGAIN URGES ACTION ON HIS BILLS.

And now Judge Kenyon, who has left the Senate, is urging that something be done about these bills. Senator Kenyon was a member of the Senate Coal Committee, which followed up the investigation of The Evening World. This committee took volumes of testimony, at the instigation of this newspaper, both in the coal region and at Washington.

This voluminous testimony, together with recommendations by the most prominent students of the coal industry, is now before Congress, and another "investigation" would seem truly "to carry the coals to Newcastle."

The Senators who served on this Coal Committee are Senators Kenyon, Reed, Vardaman, Lodge and Jones. Senator Frelinghuysen also took up The Evening World's suggestions and presented a statement to Congress last December.

One of the measures Senator Frelinghuysen proposed also was the establishment of a commission the duties of which would be to take full charge of coal, adjust royalties and freight rates and secure fair competition in all the coal fields.

The commission, as planned, would spend six months in ascertaining the facts and the best means of adjusting the industry and would report to Congress what legislation would do it, after which it was proposed that the commission should secure additional power to accomplish the aforementioned results without further delay.

The Evening World's investigation disclosed the following significant facts as to anthracite coal, which is mainly used in New York, and which

Big Ship Given Over to Sick Baby As Surgeon Works Day and Night And Saves Life of Major's Son

Port Side of Vessel a Hospital as Passengers on American Legion Walk Softly—Band Cuts Out Jazz Music.

Although there were ninety-nine other passengers aboard the Munson liner American Legion, which arrived at Hoboken to-day from Argentine and Brazilian ports, the big ship for the past week has been given over to Thomas H. McConnell Jr., ten months old.

Ninety-nine other passengers walked softly, talked only in whispers when on the port side of the vessel, and the band cut out jazz music as the steamer's surgeon, Dr. Louis Weir, gave his time night and day to the child.

The baby is the son of Major McConnell, representative of Henry Ford in Buenos Ayres. The Major, with his wife and sister and child, are on their way to visit relatives. Six days ago Thomas Jr. developed pneumonia. Dr. Weir rigged up an open air hospital on the main deck on the port side, and there the little patient was cared for. That side of the ship was sacred. Passengers who ventured there did so only to inquire how the baby was.

There were days and nights when his temperature ran so high it was feared he would not live much longer. When the ship arrived to-day his

temperature was almost normal. An ambulance was waiting to convey the little chap to St. Luke's Hospital and there is every chance of recovery due to the care he had on the big liner.

OPERATORS AGREE TO HARDING PRICE AND RATION PLAN

Non-Union Coal Producers in Six States Tell Hoover They Will Obey.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Operators from the producing districts of six States in conference to-day with Secretary Hoover agreed in principle with the Administration's plan for maintaining prices and insuring fuel distribution during the strike emergency.

Operators from non-union fields of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia and Kentucky were present at the conference.

The operators, it was stated after the conference this morning, agreed to the general proposals as outlined by Secretary Hoover, subject to the approval of their respective districts, but had raised some objections to the legal features of the scheme. The legal phases were given the approval of the Department of Justice in an opinion sent to Secretary Hoover by Attorney General Daugherty while the conference was in session.

Immediately upon adjournment of the first meeting the chairmen of the committees of operators representing the various districts went into session with Mr. Hoover to draft the details of the coal control plan which is to be submitted to the full conference. It was expected that the detailed programme would be ready for submission at another meeting of the conference this afternoon.

Efforts of the draughting committee.

COAL PRICES UP 152 P. C. IN CHICAGO IN ELEVEN WEEKS

From \$5.15 on May 8 Cost Rises to \$11.65 and \$13 July 22.

CHICAGO, July 24.—The price of coal in large quantities in Chicago has jumped from \$5.15 a ton to \$11.65 and \$13 since the miners went on strike, while in small quantities the cost has increased from \$5.25 and \$6 a ton to \$12.25 to \$18, according to figures given out to-day by a large industrial concern which ranks among the largest users of coal in the Middle West. The concern made public the following prices it has paid:

May 8, West Kentucky lump, mine run and screenings, delivered, \$5.15 a ton plus freight.

May 12 the price was \$5.75; June 8 it was \$6.15; July 6, \$7.15; July 18, \$9.15, and July 22, \$11.65 \$13 in quantity lots.

It was estimated by the concern that there now are only 40,000 tons of anthracite coal in Chicago.

RYAN'S FAILURE MAY BRING STUTZ BACK ON EXCHANGE

Movement Reported to Save Millions to Banks Holding Mot. Collateral.

HAVE 145,814 SHARES.

Guaranty Trust Co. Serves Notice It Will Sell All Broker's Collateral at Auction.

Banks involved in the bankruptcy of Allan A. Ryan through making loans to him totalling \$14,290,815 against which the declared value of collateral is only \$2,930,226, probably will be saved from loss of their transactions by having stock of the Stutz Motor Company listed for the second time on the New York Stock Exchange. This was the opinion advanced to-day by bankers who are disinterested in the proceedings.

These six banks which share loans to Ryan much in excess of value of collateral, hold an aggregate of 145,814 shares of stock of the Stutz Company. It was the corner in this stock engineered by Ryan that marked the beginning of his downfall.

There was pledged with the Guaranty Trust Company for its own account, and according to the statement of officials, for the account of others, a total of 120,614 shares, with the Chase National Bank, apparently for its own account, 2,400 shares; with the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, 7,400 shares; the First National Bank, 2,400 shares; Lawyers Title and Trust Company, 4,500 shares, and the Empire Trust Company, 1,500 shares.

According to a statement issued by the Guaranty Trust Company it has written off \$5,000,000 against the Ryan account. Other banks seem reluctant to state what provision if any has been made for proving in reserve accounts against the loss which apparently has resulted from their transactions with Ryan.

There was hardly a possibility that Stutz stock would again be taken into the fold by the Stock Exchange as long as Ryan might benefit by having it listed. But it is now a question of saving banks from loss. Behind some of these banks are the most powerful financial forces in the country. They are in a position to have the stock given a public market by the Stock Exchange, if they desire to exercise pressure. But pressure, in the opinion of disinterested bankers, will not have to be used.

To-day it was considered probable in well posted quarters that Stutz will be back on the Exchange inside of a month or six weeks.

A copy of the notice served on Allan A. Ryan & Co. on behalf of the Guaranty Trust Co. in which notice was given that the Trust Company purposes to sell all of the collateral it holds on loans to the Allan A. Ryan & Co., was received by David Hunter Miller of Parker, Marshall, Miller & Auchincloss, No. 61 Broadway, counsel for Col. Caffey, reached the city to-day and conferred with Mr. Miller. He and Mr. Miller then went into conference with Allen Wardwell of Stetson, Jennings & Russell, where the question of action on the part of Col. Caffey to stay the sale will be considered. The Guaranty Trust Co. has notified everybody concerned that it will sell this collateral at public auction on July 26. The sale will take place in the Exchange salesrooms, No. 14-16 Vesey Street through Adrian H. Muller and Son.

RUMORS OF POISONING IN NORTHCLIFFE CASE

Fleet Street Learns Remarkable Explanation of His Disease. LONDON, July 24 (United Press).—Rumors that Viscount Northcliffe—"The Thunderer"—was poisoned in Germany during his incognito tour were refuted in Fleet Street to-day.

The famous publisher's physicians are frankly puzzled over his complicated condition. Associates say his recovery is unlikely, and even though he escapes death from the present illness, he will never again assume control of his publications or wield dominant power in British politics.

Close friends of Northcliffe are inclined to discredit the story that he was poisoned, pointing out that his presence in Germany was generally unknown until after his arrival back in England.

BOY STRUCK BY AUTO DIES IN HOSPITAL

Max Kaplan, eleven years old, 252 Broadway, was fatally injured this afternoon when he was struck at Park Avenue and 17th Street by an automobile driven by Daniel A. Ferro, No. 2036 First Avenue. Ferro was arrested by Patrolman Hapish of the Bathgate Avenue Station. The boy died at Fordham Hospital soon after the accident.

"I'm Nearly Insane," Ziegfeld Cables Billie Burke, Who Doesn't Deny Rumor of Their Separation



BILLIE BURKE AND HER DAUGHTER. PANDA.

Most recent photo of Billie Burke showing her taking her little daughter, Patricia, out for a ride on one of the Rocky Mountain burros at a summer resort.

Actress Sheds Tears Over "Sally" Star—'You and Patricia Are All to Me,' Message From Ziegfeld.

YORK HARBOR, Me., July 24.—Billie Burke shed tears to-day as she evaded a direct answer when asked if there was any truth in the rumor that she intended to leave her husband, Flo Ziegfeld Jr. She had just received at her summer home here a cablegram from Ziegfeld in answer to one she sent him following the accusation of Marylyn Miller of "Sally."

That Ziegfeld was jealous because of her engagement to Jack Pickford, making love to chorus girls and of trying to send her a diamond as big as her hand and a string of pearls that "would knock her eye out." Part of the cablegram from Ziegfeld to his wife follows:

"Billie, darling, I am nearly insane. For God's sake cable me what it is all about. I am not afraid of the truth, and I swear to God there is nothing to which you can take exception. Wait until I am proved guilty. You and Patricia are all that mean anything to me. Be fair, dearest. Will you call first boat."

"No," faltered Mrs. Burke, when asked if she cared to deny the rumor that she will leave her husband. "No, I won't deny it. I won't affirm or deny anything. I simply can't talk about it. It's all very, very personal."

"It is very true I sent my husband a cable, but the contents were for him only. Won't you please say that."

HARDING APPEALS TO LONDON TO HELP STOP RUM RUNNING

Co-operation Sought in Note at Bermuda and the Bahamas. LONDON, July 24 (Associated Press).—The British Government has received a note from the Washington Government, it was announced to-day.

The note requested co-operation in the suppression of spirit-running into the United States through Bermuda and the Bahamas.

PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO SEIZE ROADS OR MINES: ONLY PROPOSES REGULATION

Government Will, However, Take Hand in Allocation of Coal and Movement of Trains—Railroad Board Upheld by Court in Matter of Election of Workers' Representatives by Pennsylvania.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Copyright).—Government measures to relieve the emergency in the rail and coal strikes amount at the moment simply to regulation.

There is to be no control of the railroads in the sense in which such powers were exercised during the war. There is to be no seizure of coal properties by the Federal Government. But the Federal Government will lend its help in the allocation of such coal as is mined and in the movement of such trains as have the men and equipment to keep them moving.

The impression that the Government will take over the railroads and mines and make wage agreements with the employees is erroneous. The steps taken by the Federal Government are merely to make best use of such coal production as is mined and such railroad equipment as is available. Nothing has been done yet by the Government toward increasing the output of coal or toward compelling men to return to work on the railroads.

TWO MEN INJURED AS PLANE CRASHES AT FAR ROCKAWAY

Murray and Leiroki Badly Hurt as They Land Birdsall Avenue.

An army airplane carrying Lieut. Nikko Leiroki as pilot and Charles Murray as observer, reserve officers in training, while flying over Far Rockaway, shortly before noon to-day went into a nose dive and crashed into the front yards of the houses at Nos. 2118 and 2122 Birdsall Avenue.

Leiroki suffered a fracture of the skull, of fracture of the right shoulder and possible internal injuries. Lieut. Murray was about about the head and suffered possible internal injuries. Both are in St. Joseph's Hospital. Murray lives at Oak and Mills Streets, Far Rockaway. Leiroki's only address given is Far Rockaway.

The couple in a machine known as A. F. 22-537, left Mitchell Field between 10 and 11 o'clock and had been in the air more than an hour when the accident, which is said to have been due to engine trouble, occurred.

Miss Lilla Ellis, a maid in the employ of S. Cornell, a block from the point of the crash, says she was looking at the machine when it suddenly stopped and appeared to turn over and came down head first. It was quite low, according to Miss Ellis and Patrolman Louis Schamer, when it crashed. The machine was seen from different points started to run to the machine. Miss Ellis reached there first. Murray in a dazed condition, with blood streaming over his eyes from a cut in the forehead, was trying to leave the plane.

Leiroki lying back and down against the wheel was unconscious. With her hand on Murray's head, Murray's head when the policeman arrived. A passing automobile was commandeered and Murray was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital. Other persons by now had arrived and Leiroki was taken out and placed in an ambulance.

At the hospital it was stated the condition of Lieut. Leiroki was very serious, but there was hope that he would recover. Lieut. Murray was stated unless he was internally injured was in no danger although suffering from bruises and lacerations.

Senators seem agreed that no legislation can be passed which can force strikers back to work. The issues remain virtually the same—the decision rests entirely with the railroad executives and coal operators on the one hand and the labor unions on the other.

Meanwhile a decision of far-reaching importance has been handed down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals which practically settles a collateral issue which has been a sore spot in the relations between railroads and their employees in the East for some time.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has insisted that any agreements reached by it with duly elected representatives of workmen are valid and binding on all the rest. The question of what "duly elected" means has forced the question into the courts. The Pennsylvania held an election and distributed its own ballots, and the American Federation of Labor through its representatives issued a ballot and held an election.

Neither ballot was considered proper by the United States Labor Board and a new election was ordered by the board to determine the legitimate representatives of the workmen. The Pennsylvania Railroad insisted that the Labor Board had no right to interfere and obtained an injunction in a Federal Court to restrain the Labor Board from proclaiming the fact that the Pennsylvania had violated a decision of the Labor Board.

Now comes the Circuit Court of Appeals and, by reversing the lower court, sustains the power of the Labor Board to prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of elections whereby spokesmen are appointed to represent workmen.

The decision of the court makes it clear that the Pennsylvania Railroad can refuse to recognize any representative of the workmen for any reason.

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STRIKERS' WIVES TAKING JOBS TO TIDE OVER FAMILY

Toledo Women Hire Out By Scores as Shop Girls.

TOLEDO, July 24. Waves of striking railroad shopmen quit their homes to-day for employment in downtown stores as shop girls.

Harry Ehrig, Business Agent of the Machinists' Union, said strikers' wives had agreed to "help make the strike a success." Many of the husbands are tending the children at home while the wives take over the burden of earning the living. Ehrig said.

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Very truly yours,
F. J. DEJOIE.

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